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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re

Case No.: 19-

LEIGH A. MORSE,

**Proceedings for
Reorganization under
Chapter 11**

Debtor.
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**MOTION TO RETAIN WAYNE GREENWALD, P.C.,
AS THE DEBTOR'S ATTORNEYS**

**TO: THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Leigh A. Morse, Debtor and Debtor in Possession ("Ms. Morse" or the
"Debtor"), represents:

1. The Debtor requests that this Court enter orders, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327, authorizing the Debtor to retain Wayne Greenwald, P.C. ("WGPC"), as her attorneys in this case (the "Motion").

BACKGROUND

2. The Debtor filed her voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on March 27, 2019
3. The Debtor has been continued in the possession of her property and

operation of her business as debtor in possession, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1108 and 1109.

4. The Debtor is an art dealer in New York City
5. No committee of unsecured creditors has been appointed in this case.
6. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157.
7. This matter is a "core proceeding" as that term is defined by 28 U.S.C. § 157.
8. This matter concerns a "public right."
9. This district is the appropriate district to consider this Motion, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408.

RETAINING WGPC

10. The Debtor wants to retain the law firm of WGPC with offices at 475 Park Avenue South - 26th Floor, New York, New York, 10016 as her attorneys.
11. This retention will be to replace existing counsel.
12. The Debtor believes that WGPC is well versed in the law on the matters on which it is to be retained and is qualified to perform the services needed by the Debtor in this case
13. After conferring with Wayne Greenwald, the Debtor believes that WGPC does not hold or represent an adverse interest to the estate, and is a disinterested person

SERVICES TO BE RENDERED

14. The Debtor believes it is necessary to retain WGPC to render the following services:
- A.) to assist the Debtor in administering this case;
 - B.) making such motions or taking such action as may be appropriate or necessary under the Bankruptcy Code;
 - C.) to represent the Debtor in prosecuting adversary proceedings to collect assets of the estate and such other actions as the Debtor deems appropriate;
 - D.) to take such steps as may be necessary for the Debtor to marshal and protect the estate's assets;
 - E.) to negotiate with the Debtor's creditors in formulating a plan of reorganization for the Debtor in this case.
 - F.) to draft and prosecute the confirmation of the Debtor's plan of reorganization in this case.
 - G.) to render such additional services as the Debtor may require in this case.

TERMS OF RETENTION

15. The Debtor and WGPC agreed to the following terms for WGPC's compensation.
16. WGPC shall bill the Debtor for legal services at its regular hourly rates.

17. These fees range from \$600.00 per hour for partners' time, up to \$550 per hour for counsels' time, \$150 per hour to \$400 per hour for associates' time, and \$75 - \$150 per hour for clerk's and paraprofessionals' time.
18. These fees are subject to change on an annual basis.
19. WGPC shall also be reimbursed for its disbursements incidental to its representing the Debtor in this case.
20. WGPC agreed to receive an initial retainer of \$11,000 (the "Initial Retainer").
21. The Debtor paid \$9,000 of the Initial Retainer.
22. The balance was paid by the Debtor's majority owned entity, Leigh Morse Fine Arts, LLC , which is treating the payment as income to Ms. Morse.
23. WGPC drew down the Initial Retainer on account of services in anticipation of and to be rendered in this case's initial phases and the filing fee..
24. WGPC shall make applications for the payment and allowance of fees and disbursements, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016.
25. The Debtor consents to WGPC receiving compensation on a monthly basis pursuant to any procedure of this Court permitting WGPC to receive compensation on a monthly basis.
26. The full details and terms of WGPC's retention are stated in the annexed engagement letter agreement between WGPC and the Debtor, dated March 26, 2019

27. The terms of the engagement letter are incorporated herein and made a part of this Motion.
28. To the extent the engagement letter's terms conflict with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or this Court's rules, the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or this Court's rules will control
29. No prior application has been made for the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, it is requested that an order be entered authorizing the retention of Wayne Greenwald, P.C., as the Debtor's attorneys herein, pursuant to the terms stated herein, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.

Dated: New York, New York
March 27, 2019

LEIGH A. MORSE

By: /s/ Leigh A. Morse
Leigh Morse